

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated May 11, 2006. Claims 1, 13, 24, and 26 have been amended. No new matter has been added by any of these amendments. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith. Please charge deposit account number 02-1818 for any fees due.

The Office Action rejected Claims 1 to 32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,217,022 to Astaneha et al. ("Astaneha") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,336,860 to Webb ("Webb"). Applicants respectfully disagree with and traverse these rejections. Additionally, the claims have been clarified.

Astaneha discloses a gambling game having a first wheel and a second wheel concentric to the first wheel with each wheel having a color and number associated with it. The gambling game includes a single common wagering area for both wheels where a player can place different bets on boxes designating either a color, a number, or a combination of colors. A player wins when either of the wheels stop on a color, a combination of colors, or a number on which the player placed a wager. In one embodiment, the common wagering area allows a player to wager on a box designating summation, subtraction, or multiplication. If a player wagers on one of the boxes designating summation, subtraction or multiplication, that operation is performed on each of the numbers on which the wheels stop. In this embodiment, if a bet was placed on a number in the wagering area that is equal to the summation, subtraction, or multiplication of the two numbers for which the wheels stopped, the game provides an award to a player. That is, the award in *Astaneha* is based on the number or outcome the player originally bet on the wagering area. That number or outcome is unmodified by another number or outcome.

Webb discloses a game of chance with game symbols having a first defining criteria (e.g., a value or rank) and a second defining criteria (e.g., a color or shape), wherein the second defining criteria can be used to provide the player with an additional award when the second defining criteria of two or more game symbols is the same irrespective of the first defining criteria. The game offers awards based on resulting patterns and a comparison with established winning patterns. The award in *Webb* is an

award based on a winning array of patterns, not an award based on one outcome or value being modified by another outcome or value.

Amended Claim 1 is directed to a gaming device which includes, amongst other elements, an award adapted to be provided to the player based on at least one of generated award value modified by at least one generated modifier value. Amended Claim 13 is directed to a gaming device which includes, amongst other elements, an award adapted to be provided to the player based on at least one generated first value modified by at least one generated second value. Amended Claim 24 is directed to a gaming device which includes, amongst other elements, an award adapted to be determined and provided to the player based on at least one generated first outcome modified by at least one generated second outcome. Amended Claim 26 is directed to a method of operating a gaming device which includes, amongst other steps, providing a player an award based on the indicated first value modified by the indicated second value.

Applicants respectfully submit that neither *Astaneha* nor *Webb* individually, nor the gaming device resulting from the combination of *Astaneha* and *Webb* teach, disclose, or suggest an award provided to the player based on a value or outcome modified by another value or outcome. The gaming device and method of operating a gaming device of claims 1, 13, 24 and 26 include an award provided to the player based on a value or outcome modified by another value or outcome.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent Claims 1, 13, 24, and 26 are patentable over *Astaneha* and *Webb* and are in condition for allowance. Claims 2 to 12, 14 to 23, 25, 27 to 32 depend directly or indirectly from amended independent Claims 1, 13, 24, 26 are therefore also allowable at least for the reasons given with respect to Claims 1, 13, 24 and 26.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for allowance, and such allowance is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions related to this Response, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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